

DOMESTIC.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, who recently celebrated her seventy-third birthday is a confirmed invalid, but pursues work for the benefit of her fellow creatures with her old-time zeal, nevertheless.

ALTHOUGH an ant is a tiny creature, yet its brain is even tinier. But, although it is necessarily smaller than the ant's head, which contains it, yet it is larger in proportion to the ant's size, than the brains of any known creature.

CONTRARY to the general belief that Ireland leads the world in its fondness for "potatoes," statistics show that the people of Germany and Belgium are the greatest potato eaters; the consumption in these countries annually exceeds 1,000 pounds per head of population.

A CHEAP watering cart is described as having four wheels, while its tank is a flat, square box, in shape something like the case of a square piano. This tank is suspended under the axle, and when it is desired to fill it the driver simply drives into the river until the tank is submerged.

FURS valued at \$200,000 form an attractive exhibit displayed at the World's fair by a New York firm. The gem of the collection is a cloak worth \$17,500, made of imperial Russian sable tails so well matched and of such unusual quality that the furriers have been ten years in gathering enough for the garment.

A FARMER in Somerset county, Md., finds that his straw is worth more than his wheat. He produced 600 bushels of wheat on thirty-three acres, the value being \$12 an acre. His straw weighed two tons per acre, and was worth \$8 per ton, or \$16 per acre. The aggregate value of the grain was \$408; of the straw, \$928.

R. H. GRADDECK, of Barnesville, Ga., is the owner of a sixty-dollar bill dated in the year 1779. The printing reads thus: "The bearer is entitled to receive sixty spanish milled dollars, or an equal sum in gold or silver, according to a resolution of Congress of 14 January, 1779." It is signed by Jos. (or Jas.) Watkins.

The Methodist Episcopal conference, in session at Canoe, Nova Scotia, has decided that Mary Dauphine has a legal right to sit in perfect equality with the male members of that body, and a woman is acting as a member of conference for what is generally regarded as the first time in the history of American Methodism.

A HARPER county (Kan.) farmer who expects to sow 2,300 acres of wheat this fall has set to work a mammoth steam plow. It has six sixteen-inch plows, turns a strip eight feet wide at one passage, requires only two men to operate it and will plow thirty acres a day. It is proposed to employ two sets of hands and keep it running day and night.

"FLEXUS FIBRA" is the name of a new material that has been used in England as a substitute for leather, with gratifying results. This new material appears to be a flax-derived material, suitably prepared and oiled, so that to all appearance it is leather. It is particularly supple and flexible, and takes a polish equally well with the best kinds of calf.

COL. H. G. PROUT, editor of the Railroad Gazette, in a lecture before the Association of Civil Engineers of Cornell university, estimated that the annual loss from railroad accidents in the United States, due to the destruction of railroad property and the compensation for deaths and injuries, and leaving out entirely destruction of merchandise, reaches over \$12,000,000.

CAPT. S. E. MELSON, who entered the confederate army in February, 1862, as an officer of the Forty-first Mississippi regiment, was wounded by fourteen bullets and a shell, and still lives, comparatively hale and hearty, at the age of sixty-three years. Of his original command of 200 Mississippians only twenty-six returned home at the close of the war, and but three now survive.

ONE of the simplest methods by which micro-organisms can be removed from water, says Knowledge, is by the addition of alum. Experiments carried out at Leeds showed that the addition of one-half a grain of alum to a gallon of water reduced the number of microbes by ninety-nine per cent., and the material has recently been used for purifying water on a large scale in America.

THE present and prospective demand for wheat in Europe ought to influence the price sufficiently in this country at least to raise the price high enough to pay for the cost of producing it. The other day 5,000,000 bushels were exported, because it is said the price is lower than the same grade from India and Russia. If there are but 60,000,000 bushels of wheat in sight now and only 60,000,000 more stored in the granaries of farmers there is certainly reason to expect an early advance in the price.

NEW YORK state now has a law in operation that is worthy of imitation wherever good roads are a matter of interest. This particular law was enacted last winter and provides that whoever uses a two-horse wagon or larger on the public highways shall be entitled to a rebate of one-half his road tax if he uses wheels with tires of not less than three inches in width. Heavy wagons with such wheels prove a positive benefit, rather than injury, to any roadway over which they roll. France and England long ago recognized this fact, and broad-tires have long been in vogue in these countries.

ON August 12 Nancy Hanks will be driven against time over the Mystic track in Boston to see if she can beat her record of 2:04, which she made last September.

THE branch house at Kansas City, Mo., of the Whitman & Barnes Manufacturing company of Alcon, O., was destroyed by fire, the loss being \$135,000.

THE first general meeting of women lawyers ever held convened in Chicago with delegates present from every section of the United States.

AT the races in Buffalo, N. Y., Hilda went a mile in 2:05 1/2, the fastest ever made by a 5-year-old, and Hal Pointer paced three heats in 2:07 1/2, 2:06 1/2 and 2:06.

IN a jealous rage Douglas Davis fatally stabbed his wife at Greenville, Ill., and cut his own throat, dying instantly.

THE fire which had burned for a week in Burlington county, N. J., exhausted itself. The damage to buildings was \$150,000; to timber, \$1,300,000, and to the crop of cranberries, \$75,000.

FRANK VAN LOON was hanged at Columbus, O., for the murder of William Vandermark during an attempt to rob a bank at Columbus Grove August 8, 1891.

STATISTICS show that in fifty-seven trades in New York city there are 56,000 men out of work.

AT Elberton, W. Va., two local terrorists started a fight which became so general and serious that the militia was called out to stop it.

FELIX POOLE, a notorious character, was lynched by a mob near Owensboro, Ky., for an assault on Miss York, aged 13.

FOUR persons were killed and twenty-five others were seriously injured by the falling of the second balcony of the yacht club's house at Chelsea, Mass.

INSURANCE rates in Iowa have been raised 10 per cent and merchants have been notified that they must meet the increase.

ALL the silver dollars in the government treasury which are accessible have been exhausted, owing to the demand for money of small denomination.

A BOILER explosion in a sawmill at Camp Creek, O., killed two brothers named Wolfe and John Alexandria.

MICHAEL FORSHAM left Watertown, N. Y., to walk to Los Angeles, Cal. He expects to accomplish the feat in 185 days.

THE amount of gold and silver coin and certificates, United States notes and national bank notes in circulation August 1 was \$1,611,099,117, an increase during the month of July of \$17,337,606.

THE increase during the last twelve months was in round figures \$9,000,000.

IT was learned in New York that extensive frauds had been perpetrated on the railroad companies by the issue of bogus world's fair excursion tickets.

DURING the past three months the mines of California have turned out \$3,800,000 in fine gold.

THE failures were reported of the Commercial bank at Stevens Point, Wis., the National German-American bank at St. Paul, Minn., and the banking house of Lazarus Silverman in Chicago.

AT the leading clearing houses in the United States the exchanges during the week ended on the 4th aggregated \$973,889,753, against \$887,985,509 the previous week. The decrease as compared with the corresponding week of 1892 was 9.7.

THEODORE THOMAS has tendered his resignation as director of music of the World's Columbian exposition.

THERE were 433 business failures reported in the United States during the seven days ended on the 4th. In the week preceding there were 380, and during the corresponding time in 1892 the number was 160.

BOBBY TAYLOR, fighting under the sobriquet of the "Sailor Kid," was killed in a prize fight at Denver by William Robinson.

SIXTY persons, including the sheriff and other officers, have been indicted at Memphis, Tenn., for lynching and cremating the negro Lee Walker.

PENNSYLVANIA iron millers have instructed their superintendents to employ none but Americans hereafter.

JUAN BURGER, the 13-year-old son of Edgar Burger, of South Kokomo, Ind., died from the direct effects of cigarette smoking.

THE Equitable Accident Insurance company of Denver was placed in the hands of a receiver. Its capital was \$250,000.

AT Keshuqua, Pa., a sawmill, boarding-house and several tenements in a lumber camp were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000.

JOSEPH H. HOWELL, who murdered Mrs. Nancy Hall and seven children January 10, 1892, was hanged at Trenton, Mo.

THE steam yacht Rachel sank in the lake at Lake George, N. Y., with twenty-nine passengers, nine of whom were drowned.

GOV. TILMAN, of South Carolina, is angry at the treatment his liquor constables has received and says arms will be resorted to if necessary.

THE James H. Walker company, one of the biggest dry goods concerns in Chicago, doing an immense wholesale and retail business, failed for \$2,400,000.

WALTER E. SHAW was hanged at Houston, Tex., for the murder of his mother and aunt March 31, 1892.

BIOBLEY's worsted goods mills at Philadelphia have closed, throwing 3,000 persons out of employment.

N. L. COIT & Co., of New York, importers of tin, tin plate and other metals, failed for \$350,000.

IN the vicinity of Sharptown, Ind., a cloudburst did immense damage to crops and farm property.

FOREST fires spread over fourteen farms in Alpena county, Mich., consuming houses, barns, and grain and hay and damaging growing crops.

THE governor of Arkansas has ordered a special election in order to fill a large number of offices made vacant by death.

BANK failures were announced as follows: First national at Hammond, Ind.; Citizens' national at Muncie, Ind.; First national at Plattville, Wis.; State bank of Providence, R. I.; Exchange at Colby, Wis.; Lebanon (Pa.) Trust and safe deposit bank, and the First national, National citizens and Mankato national at Mankato, Minn.

AFTER a separation of seventy years Robert Duncan, of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Annie Caulkins, of Lafayette, Ind., discovered that they were brother and sister. Mrs. Caulkins is 85 years old and Mr. Duncan is 83.

THE percentages of the baseball clubs in the National league for the week ended on the 5th were as follows: Boston, .674; Philadelphia, .632; Pittsburgh, .595; Cleveland, .590; New York, .488; Brooklyn, .488; St. Louis, .471; Cincinnati, .471; Baltimore, .440; Chicago, .417; Washington, .369; Louisville, .351.

CAPT. J. W. ALLEN, editor of the Interstate News at Texarkana, Tex., was killed by John J. King, county judge of Bowie county. An article in the News reflecting on King was the cause.

A DISPUTE on the Smith farm near Newark, O., about the division of certain wheat, resulted in the killing of one man and the wounding of three others.

A BIG FOUR freight train fell through a bridge over a river a distance of 63 feet into the water below near Danville, Ill., killing Brakeman Stone and damaging property to the extent of \$100,000.

KNIGHT, LEONARD & Co., printers and publisher in Chicago, made an assignment with heavy liabilities.

A. K. WILLIAMS was killed and Sheriff Patterson fatally wounded at McCrary, Ark., by a negro who was being taken to jail.

ABOUT 700,000 spindles were stopped in Fall River (Mass.) factories for an indefinite period, throwing 7,000 persons out of work.

UNDER the ruling of the first comptroller of the treasury congressmen are not entitled to mileage for attendance on the extra session.

A WAGON was struck by a train at Delwood, Minn., and Mrs. J. P. Newstrom, Mrs. E. P. Clouse and E. W. Newstrom were killed.

THE reservoir of the Portland Water company at Portland, Me., burst, letting loose its 20,000,000 gallons of water, wrecking two houses and drowning the wife and two children of Dennis M. Conley and James Moseley.

A TRAIN on the Lake Shore road jumped the track near Fremont, O., and four persons were killed and ten others were injured, one fatally.

THE following bank failures were reported: Bank of St. James at St. James, Minn.; State bank at Mapleton, Minn.; the Exchange national at Wheeling, W. Va.; and the Farmers' and Traders' bank at Leon, the Garden Grove bank at Garden Grove and the Citizens' bank at David City, all in Iowa and operated by A. B. Stearns and L. P. Sigler.

A RICH gold strike was made near Natchez, Wash.

JAMES L. WRIGHT, one of the founders of the Knights of Labor, died at his home in Philadelphia, aged 76 years.

A TORNAO at Philadelphia unroofed a score of dwellings and factories, causing a loss of \$100,000.

THE grand jury failed to indict anybody for the blame in the cold-storage building fire on the world's fair grounds.

THE suspended Hutchinson (Kan.) National bank has resumed.

THE National bank of Sturgis, Mich., and the Greene county bank of Springfield, Mo., closed their doors.

STOCKHOLDERS of the Milwaukee national bank have voted to resume. The capital stock will be increased \$300,000.

PUBLICATION of a private letter of Col. S. H. Boyd, minister to Siam, in which he reflected on Secretary Gresham, is said to have led to his resignation.

AN international bicycle tournament commenced in Chicago with wheelmen present from many countries.

SNOWDRIFTS a foot deep were found along the line of the Haverhill & Amesbury road on the hillsides of Amesbury, Mass.

THE visible supply of grain in the United States on the 7th was: Wheat, 59,425,000 bushels; corn, 6,893,000 bushels; oats, 1,661,000 bushels; rye, 330,000 bushels; barley, 360,000 bushels.

GEORGE DIXON, the colored feather-weight champion, knocked out Eddie Pierce in three rounds before the Coney Island club.

LEVI BUTLER, cashier of the bank of C. M. Wright & Co. at Altamont, Ill., absconded with \$41,000 and the bank suspended.

SIXTEEN ROBINSON boiler-makers were attacked in a St. Louis hotel by twenty-five unionists. Knives and pistols were used and a score were injured.

THREE masked men entered a general store at Farmington, N. M., ordered hands up and secured \$1,900 in money and jewelry.

A PROPOSITION to keep open the World's Columbian exposition throughout the summer of 1894 will be presented to congress at the extra session.

BANDS of Utes were roaming through the western part of Colorado, and the settlers had asked protection of the governor.

RESIDENTS of Marion county, Miss., celebrated the sentencing of William Purvis, a noted desperado, to hang by firing 100 guns.

AT Lancaster, Pa., hundreds of acres of tobacco were ruined by hail.

OF the white caps who attacked the Conrads near Corydon, Ind., five are dead and five others were missing. The home of the brothers was burned to the ground.

THE factory of the Pacific nail works at Oakland, Cal., was burned, the loss being \$250,000.

CHARLES MCCORMICK fatally shot Janette Nell at Jackson, Mich., because she refused to marry him, and then killed himself.

JUDGE LOCHREN, pension commissioner, has extended until October 30, 1893, the period within which pensioners whose pensions have been suspended may make proof of their right to receive them.

WILLIAM PLOUGHFIELD, a farmer, was stabbed to death and his brother John fatally wounded by two tramps at Birdsboro, Pa.

FIRE in the heart of the retail center of Louisville, Ky., caused a loss of \$150,000.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE Virginia populists in convention at Lynchburg nominated Edmund R. Cooke, a farmer of Cumberland county, for governor; J. Brad Beverly, of Fauquier, for lieutenant governor, and W. S. Gravely, of Henry, for attorney general.

SIMON O'DONNELL, for thirty years a member of the Chicago police force, died at the age of 59 years.

SARAH T. BOLTON, the "Hoosier poetess," died at her home in Indianapolis, aged 82 years. Among the most popular of her songs was "Paddle Your Own Canoe" and "Union Forever."

MRS. NELLIE GRANT SAITORIS, with her three children, arrived at New York from England.

OUT of the forty-four states in the union only thirteen will hold state elections this year— Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Virginia and Wisconsin, all November 7. Iowa, Massachusetts, Ohio, Wisconsin and Virginia alone will elect full tickets.

WARREN BRYANT, for twenty-nine years president of the Buffalo (N. Y.) savings bank, died at the age of 82 years.

BOTH houses of the Fifty-third congress met in extra session in Washington. In the senate the vice president presided, and in the house Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia, was elected speaker. No business was transacted by either house during the day.

ALFRED BUTLER STOREY, for seven years the editor of Harper's Young People, died in New York, aged 35 years.

FOREIGN.

IN Russia there have been 6,666 deaths from cholera in Mecca and 2,318 in Jeddah since the epidemic broke out two months ago. There have been 601 deaths from the scourge in Marseilles, France, since the middle of May.

NEARLY one-third of the town of Port Louis, the capital of the Island of Mauritius, was destroyed by fire, the loss being over 1,000,000 rupees.

AT the town of Birsik, in Russia, 180 houses were burned and seven persons were killed and a large number were injured.

AN explosion on the German armor-clad steamer Baden at Kiel killed nine seamen and seventeen persons were wounded.

AURELIO AMORO and Jesus Sugo, prominent young men of San Juan Batista, Mex., fought a duel with pistols on the principal street and both were killed.

FLAMES in a lumber yard in Liverpool caused a loss of \$900,000.

A LARGE crowd of men went to the home of William and Ed Conrad in Boone township, Ind., for the purpose of lynching the two boys, who were suspected of killing their father last winter. The young Conrads opened fire on the crowd and killed Edward Houston, Isaac Howe, John Timberlake and William Wiseman, all farmers. William May, also a farmer, was fatally injured.

IN an exciting game the Shamrocks, of Montreal, lacrosse champions of the world, were beaten by the Torontos.

A BOAT in which were twenty-eight pleasure seekers was upset in Swansea bay, Wales, and twenty-two were drowned.

LATER.

ON the 8th Mr. Gladstone announced in the house of commons that the government intended to hold an autumn session of parliament and added that no adjournment would be had until the remaining stages of the home rule bill were passed and supply was voted.

THE executive committee of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Clearing House association decided on the 8th to issue clearing house certificates to relieve the present financial depression.

AT Denver, Col., on the 8th Camp Relief, which has been operated by the state for the support of the idle and hungry men of the city, was disbanded and 500 men who have been receiving food at the camp were thrown upon the city, in addition to hundreds of others already being fed by the charitable organizations.

AT Harrisburg, Pa., on the 8th Attorney General Hensel refused the writ of quo warranto requested by certain citizens of Gettysburg to deprive the trolley lines of its franchises on the battlefield and decided all the points involved in favor of the trolley company.

THE town of Snow Hill, Md., was destroyed by fire on the 8th, entailing a loss of \$300,000. Only two stores and a few dwellings were saved.

ON the 8th two buildings belonging to the Phoenix Powder Company's plant at Pittsburg, Ill., blew up with terrific force. Benjamin Hickman and Luther Essle were instantly killed. Charles Mulley and John Elliott were fatally injured.

AT Lansing, Mich., on the 8th E. Beament & Sons, manufacturers of implements and stoves, made a 10 per cent. cut in the wages of their 600 employees. It was either this or a close down and the men accepted the cut rather than be thrown out of employment.

ON the night of the 7th at Decatur, Ill., a gasoline stove exploded and set fire to the clothing of Mrs. Henry Gosset, who ran screaming into a lot of dry grass, where she fell and was burned to death.

IN the senate on the 8th the credentials of George C. Perkins, successor to the late Senator Stanford, were presented and the oath of office was administered to the new senator. The message of the president was then read and ordered printed, after which Mr. Hill of New York introduced a bill to repeal sections 1.3 and 4 of the Sherman act. Two bills in the interest of silver were introduced by Mr. Stewart and all were referred to the committee on finance.

IN the house, after listening to the reading of the message the Michigan election case, pending between Messrs. Richardson and Belknap was taken up. On a vote being taken Richardson was declared entitled to the seat Adjourned until the 10th.

A HOPEFUL FEELING.

THE Signs of the Times Are Very Promising—More Gold Coming from Abroad—The Reserve Restored—Banks Increasing Their Circulation—Railway Men Confident.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—There is a very much more hopeful feeling in the financial situation here. Comptroller Eckels said that there seemed to be a general improvement. He is much gratified that none of the notably strong banks have been crippled. A great deal of new currency is being sent out to the banks. "I sent out \$500,000 Thursday," the comptroller said, "and there are applications already in hand for about \$5,000,000." Mr. Eckels is evidently of the opinion that congress will authorize the banks to issue up to the par of their bonds. There is a strong feeling among congressmen also that the banks should be permitted to issue circulation against their surplus, which has grown so large.

The most conservative financiers here say that there would be currency enough if it were not hoarded, and every business man able to do so should help by his voice and his example to restore that confidence which is necessary to its free circulation.

There are already promising signs for the future. Gold is already flowing back from Europe in a steady stream, which is likely to be augmented as the season advances. The government's gold reserve is above the \$100,000,000 mark, and whatever need there may be for an increase of currency is being supplied by the national banks, which added over \$5,000,000 to their outstanding issue of notes during July.

The outlook is hopeful for another reason. The failures that have occurred, though numerous, have not been of a character that indicates general unsoundness. On the contrary, the success with which banks in the money centers of the country resisted conditions fraught with danger, even to solvent institutions, is a tolerably sure sign that at the bottom the situation is sound.

An examination which has been made at the treasury shows that the banks can materially add to the volume of the currency if so disposed. The capital stock of the national banks of New York city alone is \$48,770,500. They are entitled to take out circulation up to 90 per cent. of this, or \$43,893,450. At the date of the last reports made to the comptroller of the currency, July 12, their total outstanding notes were only \$5,908,115, therefore they could, if they so desired, add \$37,985,335 to their circulation before reaching the limit set by law. No one expects the issue will come near that amount, but it is expected that it will be large.

CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—Presidents Miller, of the St. Paul, and Reinhart, of the Atchison, says that railroad prospects are bettering and there is enormous business in sight.

CHOLERA IN FRANCE.

IN Spite of Attempts at Suppressing the News It Has Leaked Out That There Have Been Over 600 Deaths from the Plague in Marseilles Since May.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—According to the Lancet, the well-known English medical weekly, cholera has been epidemic in Marseilles for the last three months. The local officials, it is asserted, have carried their policy of deception to such length that even the government had been led astray in regard to the real state of affairs. The prefecture now admits that there have been 601 deaths from cholera in Marseilles since the middle of May. On several days twenty deaths were recorded, and on last Saturday the mortality went up to thirty-one. During the last four weeks there have been 523 deaths from cholera throughout France.

A Rome correspondent says: "Since the outbreak of cholera in Naples more than 100,000 residents have fled from the city. The official reports greatly understate the facts. The report for Sunday last said that there were nineteen new cases and nine deaths. Reliable private advices declare that there were fifty-two new cases and twenty-eight deaths on that day, and forty-nine new cases and twenty-seven deaths on Monday. The official figures for Tuesday are eighteen new cases and six deaths. Several cases of cholera have occurred in Rome."

MECCA, Aug. 4.—There have been 6,666 deaths from cholera in Mecca and 2,318 in Jeddah since the present epidemic broke out.

ODESSA, Aug. 4.—The government is closing all schools in the south of Russia on account of the prevalence of cholera. Twenty doctors have gone to the Caucasus, fourteen to Kieff and ten to Podolia.

EXPLOSION ON A WARSHIP.

Seven German Seamen Killed by the Bursting of a Grenade.

BERLIN, Aug. 4.—A disastrous explosion occurred on board the German armor-clad steamer Baden, at Kiel. Lieuts. Olesener and Zembach and seven seamen were killed, and seventeen persons were wounded. It appears that some of the men had just removed from the magazine a grenade measuring 30 centimeters in diameter. Through some cause not yet explained the grenade exploded, killing or wounding nearly every person in the immediate vicinity. Prince Henry of Prussia, Emperor William's brother, and Vice Admiral Schroeder were standing together on the bridge at the time of the explosion.

Three Men Killed.

WAVERLY, O., Aug. 4.—A report has just reached here of a terrible boiler explosion at Camp Creek, this county, which killed three men—two brothers named Wolfe and John Alexandria, the head sawyer, and blew off the right arm of Squire Wallace. The men were sawing lumber and allowed the boiler to go dry.

Virginia Populists Name a Ticket.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 4.—The Virginia populists on Thursday nominated a full ticket, with Edmund R. Cooke, a prosperous farmer of Cumberland county, for governor.

Life and Strength

Are given to weak and frail children in wonderful manner by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Mr. Edward Hilbert, Lawrence, Mass., says: "Our daughter, Etta, had little strength, had frequent fainting spells, which physicians said was caused by heart trouble. Nothing gave her any strength till we gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla. Her general health improved until she became as healthy and vigorous as a child."

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

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